

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2000-093

Date: DEC 4 2000

In re: DEBORAH J. KARTJE, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer Barnes, Esquire

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Javier Balasquide, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On October 2, 1998, the Supreme Court of Illinois granted the respondent's motion to strike her name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois. Consequently, on October 13, 2000, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (OGC) initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On October 25, 2000, the Immigration and Naturalization Service moved to join that petition and asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.<sup>1</sup>

The evidence before us reflects that the respondent resigned from the Illinois bar with an admission of misconduct. The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 65 Fed. Reg. 39,513, 39,527 (June 27, 2000) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(a)). Absent a showing of good cause, this suspension shall remain in effect until the imposition of a final administrative decision in the underlying disciplinary proceedings. *Id.*

Accordingly, the respondent is directed to promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the Service that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies. The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order. Moreover, we direct that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the Service.

  
FOR THE BOARD

<sup>1</sup> We need not at this time determine whether the respondent's plea to mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, and making false citizenship records in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1426(a) serves as an independent basis for an immediate suspension in the absence of any evidence that this plea agreement was accepted by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.